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Management of Liver Injuries

INJURIES TO THE LIVER are almost twice as common today as a decade ago. Although they continue to result in high morbidity and mortality rates, particularly when they are associated with other organ injuries, there has been a dramatic increase in the salvage of patients sustaining either blunt or penetrating damage to the liver. This improved survival in recent years

is due primarily to an ever increasing awareness of the likelihood of liver injury in relation to the type of trauma, improvements in the general management of the severely traumatized patient, and appropriate and aggressive intraoperative techniques. The operation performed depends upon the extent of the liver injury and ranges from drainage alone to resective debridement combined with drainage and biliary decompression.

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Dr. Crum

Dr. Jean F. Crum of Downey was installed as President of the California Medical Association at the annual meeting held February 12-16 in San Francisco, and Dr. Thomas N. Elmendorf of Willows was elected President-Elect by the House of Delegates.

Dr. Joseph F. Boyle, Los Angeles, was elected Speaker of the House, succeeding Dr. William F. Quinn, Los Angeles, who did not run for reelection. Dr. Quinn was voted into ex-officio membership of the House of Delegates in the newly-created position of Speaker Emeritus. Dr. Henry V. Eastman of Tustin was elected Vice-Speaker, succeeding Dr. Boyle.

Dr. Crum, who practices general and thoracic surgery, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine. He is a past president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, an assistant clinical professor of surgery at the University of Southern California, a director of the American Cancer Society's California Division and an advisor to Regional Medical Programs' Area V.

Dr. Elmendorf, a general practitioner, is a graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine. He is an alternate delegate to the AMA, a member of the California Academy of General



Dr. Elmendorf

Practice, a past president of the Butte-Glenn Medical Society and is active in many Willows and Glenn County civic organizations.

Dr. Boyle, who earned his M.D. degree at Temple University, an internist, specializes in diseases of the chest. He is involved in scores of civic, medical and health organizations and is an associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of Southern California, a member of the State Air Resources Board, a delegate to the AMA, and chairman of CMA's Committee on Environmental Health.

Dr. Eastman, who is in general practice, lives in Santa Ana. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School.

In other important elections, Doctors Simon C. Brumbaugh, Jr., Lemon Grove; Orrin S. Cook, Sacramento; William P. Frank, Alhambra; Carl Goetsch, Berkeley; Fred M. Kay, Fullerton; and Robert K. Salter, Stockton, were elected members of the CMA Council.

Doctors Walter H. Brignoli, St. Helena; Ralph W. Burnett, Bakersfield; and Crum were elected delegates to the American Medical Association. Doctors David S. Ardell, Bakersfield; Theodore F. Loring, Eureka; and Harold B. Miles, Santa Barbara, were elected alternate delegates.

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BECK'S OBSTETRICAL PRACTICE—Ninth Edition—E. Steward Taylor, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver. The Williams & Wilkins Company, 428 E. Preston St., Baltimore (21202), 1971. 665 pages, \$19.75.

CHRISTIAAN BARNARD—One Life—Christiaan Barnard, M.D. and Curtis Bill Pepper. Bantam Books, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York City (10019), 1971. 529 pages, \$1.50 (Paperback).

KIDNEY AND URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS—Edited by Mitchell Kory, Ph.D., and S. O. Waife, M.D., Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, In. (46206), 1971. 136 pages, available at no charge to interested medical students, house officers, and practicing clinicians.

LUMBAR DISC DISEASE—A Twenty-Year Clinical Follow-up Study—Edited by Blaine S. Nashold, Jr., M.D., Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Surgery, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.; and Zdenek Hrubec, Sc.D., Statistician, Follow-up Agency, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, D.C. The C. V. Mosby Company, 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, St. Louis, Mo. (63141), 1971. 139 pages, \$16.50.

MEASURING MEDICAL EDUCATION—The Tests and Test Procedures of the National Board of Medical Examiners—John P. Hubbard, M.D., President, National Board of Medical Examiners, Professor Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; with a chapter by Charles F. Schumacher, Ph.D., Associate Director, National Board of Medical Examiners. Lea & Febiger, Washington Square, Philadelphia (19106), 1971. 180 pages, \$8.50.

MODERN TREATMENT—Volume Eight, Number Three—Current Status: The Management and Treatment of Poisoning. Guest Editor: Jay M. Arena, M.D. Harper & Row, Medical Department, 49 East 33 Street, New York City (10016), 1971. 292 pages, Issued quarterly, by subscription, \$20.00 per year.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NO-SOCOMIAL INFECTIONS—Center for Disease Control, August 3-6, 1970—Sponsored by Center for Disease Control, Health Services and Mental Health Administration, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Atlanta, Georgia, American Hospital Association, and American Public Health Association, Inc. Published by American Hospital Association, 840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago (60611), 1971. 334 pages, \$1.50.

PSORIASIS—Proceedings of the International Symposium, Stanford University, 1971—Edited by Eugene M. Farber, M.D., Professor of Dermatology, Stanford University; Alvin J. Cox, M.D., Professor of Pathology in Dermatology, Stanford University. Stanford University Stanford, Ca. (94305), 1971, 478 pages, \$18.50.

\$KI AT ANY AGE—Fitness Can Be Fun—Merritt H. Stiles, M.D.; and Robert D. O'Malley, M.D., Award House, Box 562, Farmingdale, Ny. (11735), 1971. 116 pages, \$5.95.

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